

SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

REMARKS

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1. A heavy artillery regiment from Szentendre (C 48/H 54), which was recently activated (according to the men of the unit), took part in the 1951 May Review. The enlisted men included reservists of the 1923 through 1926 classes, who had been inducted about two months previously. [redacted] 36 x 152-mm guns 50X1-HUM
(1) The 152-mm gun was mounted on two rubber tire wheels, about 1.2 meters high, and had a barrel of an estimated length of 2 or 3 meters, which looked compact and mounted a pear-shaped muzzle brake with four incisions. The brake and recuperator mechanisms were installed above and below the barrel. The three-part shield was bent backwards. The split-trail gun carriage had edged trails, about 3 meters long. The gun was towed by a Jazz prime mover. The chassis of the prime mover had five [redacted] wheels and three track-supporting rollers and a heavy truck-like super-structure. (2) 50X1-HUM
2. During the review, the men of the artillery regiment were temporarily quartered in the new barracks installation on the south side of the road from Pestszentloerinc (C 48/H 61) to Vecses (C 48/H 61). This installation, whose normal occupation was not identified, is about 1 km west of the intersection of the railroad line and the road west of Vecses. It includes three three-story billets with flat roofs, one two-story building with a flat roof for offices, the kitchen etc., two single-story garages and an unidentified number of smaller buildings. In May 1951, another barracks installation was under construction about 800 meters to the west and south of the road.

3. In April and May 1951, a camp quartering 200 to 300 engineer troops was observed about 3 km south of Mindszent (Y 7/0 20), west of the road to Bartaly (Y 7/0 20). The men were observed constructing a bridge over a dried-up branch of the Theiss River. They were also observed practicing with wooden boats. [redacted] it was located in Csongrad (Y 7/0 22) in winter. [redacted]

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4. On 28 May 1951, [redacted] a river guard 50X1-HUM

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officer candidate school was located in Gyöer (P 43/Y 44).

Barracks Installations in Kecskemet and Baja.

5. In March 1951, a large building site was located on the south side of the road from Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95) to Iszak (Y 6/N 64) and about 3 km southwest of the intersection of the railroad line and this road. It included three multi-story buildings, about 50 meters long, with flat roofs. Hungarian officers with motor vehicles, who apparently were inspecting the construction work, were observed near the building site.
6. On 20 April 1951, a barracks installation was observed in Baja (Y 6/S 28), about 200 meters east of the railroad bridge over the Danube River and about 50 meters south of the railroad line.

Miscellaneous Units at the 1951 May Review.

7. An AAA regiment located in Budapest participated in the review. It proceeded toward the parade ground with one gun battalion and two machine gun battalions. The guns were towed by ZIS trucks. [redacted] a motor regiment with medium and heavy mortars towed by weapon carriers, and an AT regiment of three battalions with 36 x 76-mm AT guns, also towed by weapon carriers. About 50 JS tanks referred to as T-72 models belonged to a tank unit from Esztergom (P 43/Z 27). (4) Besides other well-known tank and SP gun models, an SP-gun-shaped caterpillar vehicle of an estimated weight of 25 tons was observed. The tracks, suspensions, and hull resembled those of the T-34/85 tank. The vehicle mounted no turret. Instead, a gun barrel with cooling fins on its rear section was installed behind a low and almost vertical armor plate. The barrel, which had a funnel-shaped muzzle, was about 2 meters long and projected about 70 cm beyond the armor plate. (5)

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Comments.

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- (1) Several units are believed to have been assembled for the parade into the heavy artillery unit observed. This opinion is based on the fact that there were too many guns for one regiment. The artillery regiment located in Szentendre may belong to the artillery division located in Ercsi.
- (2) In view of the specification, the Soviet model 1943 152-mm field howitzer, which was not previously observed in the satellite armies, may have been seen.

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- (4) No previous report mentioned a T-72 tank model. According to a previous report of 1949, JS tanks were observed at the tank regiment in Esztergom.
- (5) In view of the description, the vehicle cannot be classified as one of the known Soviet tank models.

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